

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

## **Interfaces of Global Change IGEP 2019-20**

### **Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Fellowships**

During the 2019-20 academic year, the Interfaces of Global Change IGEP will be awarding graduate fellowships to Ph.D. students currently enrolled in the program. Fellowships will be valued at approximately \$41,481, to include 12 months of graduate stipend paid by the Virginia Tech Graduate School (GRA Step 17; \$27,360) and in-state tuition, technology fee, library fee and mandatory program fees (currently \$13,485). Graduate students who sign up for health insurance through the university are eligible for an additional health insurance subsidy of 88%, currently valued at \$2,794. Comprehensive fees, research, travel, and associated expenses will remain the responsibility of the student and mentor. We foresee awarding 1-2 fellowships to current Fellows this year. Priority will be given to students that will use the funding during the 2019-20 academic year to engage in activities that advance the collaborative, interdisciplinary mission of our group. Award funds must be used to support interdisciplinary training between August 2019 and August 2020.

*Notes:* 1) After the 2019-20 academic year, students who receive one of these fellowships will return to their former funding plan, to include a return to their former pay *source* and *rate* as agreed upon with their academic mentor. 2) We anticipate having enough funding to announce another RFP next (2020-2021) academic year.

*Eligibility:* Graduate students are eligible to apply if they **a)** are currently enrolled in the IGC IGEP and **b)** have not received an IGC IGEP fellowship in the past.

**Deadline for applications is 5 pm March 1st, 2019. Incomplete, late, or incorrectly formatted applications will not be considered. Notification of awards will be made before April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **Application procedure.**

All applications must include:

1. The one page Cover Sheet (see below).
2. The applicant's CV
3. A one-page statement (font no smaller than 11 pt Arial) by the graduate student that explains how the funding will advance their interdisciplinary training and their research goals for the 2019-2020 academic year (see review criteria below).
4. A brief letter of support from the applicant's graduate mentor, not to exceed 1 page, that explains how this fellowship will be incorporated into the graduate student's current funding plan and how it will advance the student's interdisciplinary training.

Application should be sent in a single pdf file by e-mail to Jessica Zielske; E-mail address: jcoker@vt.edu. Label files as LAST NAME\_IGCApplication2019\_20

#### **Application Review Criteria for Fellowship Awards:**

- Benefit of the activity to advancing the student's interdisciplinary training
- Benefit of the activity to advancing the collective, collaborative objectives of the IGC IGEP and the Global Change Center
- Applicant's academic record and achievements
- Advancement of knowledge related to the interfaces of global change

Please direct any further questions to Dr. William Hopkins (hopkinsw@vt.edu)

**COVER SHEET**  
**IGC IGEP Fellowship Application**

**1. Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address Faculty Mentor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Title of Proposed Dissertation or Project:**

**3. Bulleted summary list of interdisciplinary activities that this fellowship will enable the student to pursue. Activities could include training in another laboratory, attending specific workshops, off-campus field or laboratory activities that might not be possible without a fellowship, etc. Max 100 words total. More details on activities can be provided in the one page graduate student statement.**